

Assessing the effect of local heterogeneity on anuran diversity in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, Brazil

Kássio de Castro Araújo¹, Nayla Letícia Rodrigues Assunção², Mirco Solé^{3,4}, Etielle Barroso de Andrade¹

1 Grupo de Pesquisa em Biodiversidade e Biotecnologia do Centro-Norte Piauiense, Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia do Piauí, Campus Pedro II, 64255-000, Pedro II, Piauí, Brasil

2 Programa de Pós-graduação em Ecologia e Conservação da Biodiversidade, Departamento de Ciências Biológicas, Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz, Rodovia Jorge Amado km 16, 45662-900, Ilhéus, Bahia, Brasil

3 Departamento de Ciências Biológicas, Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz, Rodovia Ilhéus-Itabuna, km 16, 45662-900, Ilhéus, Bahia, Brasil

4 Museum Koenig Bonn (ZFMK), Leibniz Institute for the Analysis of Biodiversity Change, Adenauerallee 160, 53113 Bonn, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany
Corresponding author: Kássio de Castro Araújo (kassio.ufpi@gmail.com)



Academic editor: Uri García-Vázquez
Received: 8 October 2024
Accepted: 31 December 2024
Published: 5 May 2025

ZooBank: <https://zoobank.org/DFCB2E97-AFB2-4F96-8912-B4F50605E17F>

Citation: Araújo KC, Assunção NLR, Solé M, Andrade EB (2025) Assessing the effect of local heterogeneity on anuran diversity in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, Brazil. ZooKeys 1236: 233–248. <https://doi.org/10.3897/zookeys.1236.138858>

Copyright: © Kássio de Castro Araújo et al.
This is an open access article distributed under terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License (Attribution 4.0 International – CC BY 4.0).

Abstract

Anurans are among the most diverse groups of vertebrates globally, and environmental heterogeneity plays a key role in shaping their diversity patterns. This study aimed to update the anuran checklist of the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, northeastern Brazil, and investigate the influence of local heterogeneity on anuran abundance and richness. We recorded 16 anuran species across five families – Bufonidae, Hylidae, Leptodactylidae, Microhylidae, and Phyllomedusidae – most of which are typical Caatinga species or widely distributed taxa. Our results indicate that local heterogeneity did not significantly affect species richness; however, it had a notable impact on anuran abundance. We highlight the importance of heterogeneous habitats in supporting larger anuran populations and enhancing population stability. This study contributes to the understanding of biodiversity patterns and the primary environmental factors affecting anuran communities in Serra da Capivara National Park, offering insights to inform current and future conservation strategies.

Key words: Abundance, amphibians, biodiversity patterns, Caatinga, checklist, conservation unit, semiarid, species richness

Introduction

Amphibians are among the most diverse vertebrate groups, with 8827 species registered worldwide (Frost 2024). They were the first vertebrates to colonize terrestrial environments in the Devonian period, approximately 300 million years ago (Bray and Lawson 1985). Morphophysiological adaptations enabled amphibians to occupy a wide range of habitats, including aquatic, terrestrial, and arboreal environments (Vitt and Caldwell 2013), and their varied reproductive strategies (Crump 2015) have contributed significantly to the group's diversification. Most amphibian species are found in Neotropical regions (Duellman and Trueb 1994), with Brazil hosting the highest amphibian diversity worldwide, where anurans dominate in terms of species richness (Segalla et al. 2021).

Anurans play vital ecological roles, participating in various trophic interactions (Toledo et al. 2007; Ceron et al. 2019) and serving as bioindicators of environmental quality (Lebboroni et al. 2006; Calderon et al. 2019). As such, they contribute to maintaining ecosystem stability and functions (Hocking and Babbitt 2014). Anurans are present in all Brazilian biomes, including the semi-arid Caatinga biome (Garda et al. 2017) in northeastern Brazil, which, despite being historically understudied, harbors a high diversity of species. To date, 116 anuran species have been cataloged in the Caatinga, including several endemic taxa (Silva 2022).

Among the states within the Caatinga biome, Piauí is one of the few to have an anuran checklist with 54 species registered (Roberto et al. 2013). The last decade has seen a surge in herpetofaunal research in the state, primarily conducted within Conservation Units (UCs) such as National Parks (e.g., Dal-Vechio et al. 2016; Araújo et al. 2020a; Marques et al. 2023) and Environmental Protection Areas (e.g., Andrade et al. 2016; Araújo et al. 2020b). Nevertheless, unprotected areas outside these UCs also harbor a rich anuran fauna (Benício et al. 2014, 2015). Of the 44 UCs in Piauí, herpetological studies have been conducted in only eight (Pantoja et al. 2022), and some of these are still considered under-sampled, as is the case with Serra da Capivara National Park, where only seven anuran species have been documented so far (Calvacanti et al. 2014).

Understanding the main drivers of anuran diversity is a complex task, as these animals are highly sensitive to environmental conditions (Hopkins 2007). Local habitat heterogeneity has been identified as a key factor influencing anuran diversity in otherwise homogeneous landscapes (e.g., Afonso and Eterovick 2007; Silva et al. 2011; Andrade et al. 2019; Mausberg et al. 2023), including in Piauí State (Andrade et al. 2016; Araújo et al. 2018). According to this hypothesis, more heterogeneous areas tend to support greater species diversity (MacArthur and MacArthur 1961). However, it remains unclear which specific environmental variables play the most significant role in shaping anuran diversity patterns. To address this knowledge gap, we (i) characterized the anuran fauna of Serra da Capivara National Park (SCNP), Piauí State, Brazil, and (ii) tested how local habitat heterogeneity influences anuran abundance and species richness.

Material and methods

Study area

This study was conducted in the Serra da Capivara National Park (SCNP), located in the state of Piauí, northeastern Brazil (Fig. 1). The park, established by Federal Decree No. 83.548 on June 5, 1979, spans a total area of 130,000 hectares (BRASIL 1990). Although SCNP is situated within the Caatinga biome (IBGE 2019), it is characterized by a mosaic of vegetation types with high species richness. The area includes a variety of vegetation forms, such as tall and dense shrublands, arboreal communities, medium-density woodlands, low shrublands, and mixed shrub-arboreal habitats (Lemos 2004). Rainfall is concentrated primarily between November and April, with an average annual precipitation exceeding 600 mm and a mean temperature of 26 °C (Lemos and Rodal 2002; Aquino and Oliveira 2017).

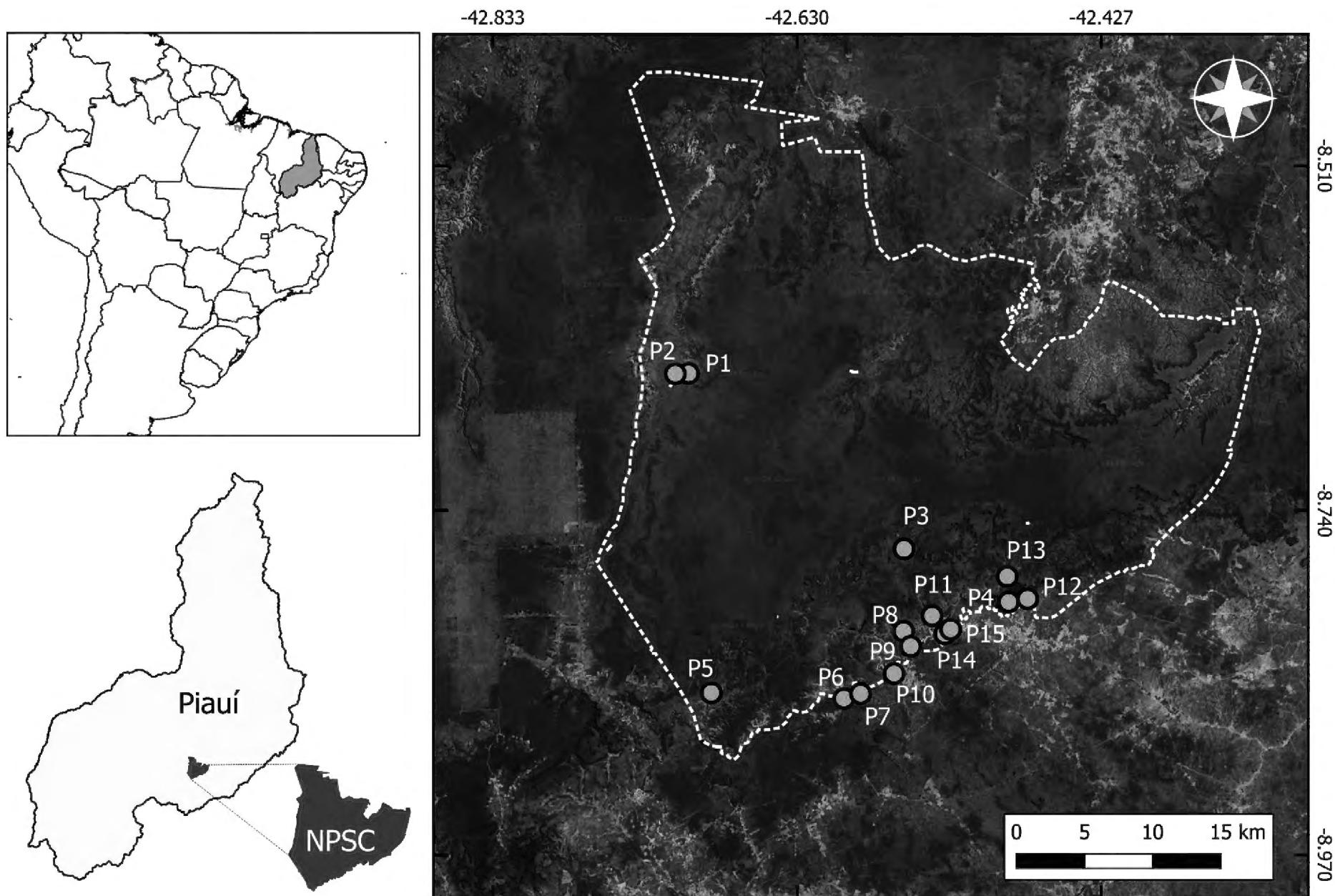


Figure 1. Geographical location of the Serra da Capivara National Park (SCNP), Piauí State, northeastern Brazil, with the distribution of the 15 sampling points.

Sampling

We conducted four expeditions, each lasting five consecutive days, from December 2023 to April 2024 in SCNP, totaling 20 sampling days. We used visual and auditory searches (Heyer et al. 1994) in different environments used by anurans within the park. A total of 15 sampling points were randomly chosen according to the vocalization activities of the anurans (Table 1). Fieldwork was carried out by five researchers, beginning at 18:00 h and concluding at 00:00 h each night. We surveyed three points per night, spending approximately 1.5 hours at each site. This resulted in a total sampling effort of 600 hours (5 researchers × 120 hours). A single voucher specimen for each species was collected and deposited in the Coleção Biológica of the Instituto Federal de Ciência e Tecnologia do Piauí, Campus Pedro II (CBPII), Piauí State, northeastern Brazil.

Environmental variables of sampling points

We measured a set of nine abiotic and biotic variables at each of the 15 sampling points (Table 2). These variables were selected as they are considered strong indicators of local heterogeneity in anuran communities (e.g., Silva et al. 2011; Araújo et al. 2018; Mausberg et al. 2023). The sampling points were distributed across different habitats: three in natural ponds, three in artificial ponds, and eight in modified ponds (Fig. 2). To minimize observer bias, all variables were consistently measured by the same researcher (NLRA).

Table 1. Environmental description of the 15 sampling points in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, north-eastern Brazil.

Sampling points	Geographic coordinates	Description
P1	8°38.92'S, 42°42.15'W	Artificial drinking fountain surrounded by shrubs and trees
P2	8°38.93'S, 42°42.68'W	Artificial drinking fountain surrounded by shrubs and trees
P3	8°45.97'S, 42°33.52'W	Temporary pond with shrub and tree vegetation inside and on the edge of the pond
P4	8°48.07'S, 42°36.55'W	Temporary pond with shrub and tree vegetation inside and on the edge of the pond
P5	8°51.72'S, 42°41.24'W	Rocky outcrop modified to accumulate water for longer, presence of thorny shrub and tree vegetation
P6	8°51.94'S, 42°35.93'W	Artificial drinking fountain surrounded by shrubs and trees
P7	8°51.75'S, 42°35.26'W	Modified passage that accumulates water surrounded by shrubs and trees
P8	8°49.24'S, 42°33.54'W	Modified pond located inside the cave
P9	8°49.85'S, 42°33.25'W	Modified passage that accumulates water surrounded by shrubs and trees
P10	8°50.94'S, 42°33.92'W	Modified pond located inside the cave
P11	8°48.62'S, 42°32.40'W	Artificial drinking fountain surrounded by shrubs and trees
P12	8°47.94'S, 42°28.57'W	Temporary pond with shrub and tree vegetation inside and on the edge of the pond
P13	8°47.05'S, 42°29.39'W	Modified passage that accumulates water surrounded by shrubs and trees
P14	8°49.34'S, 42°31.89'W	Permanent reservoir with shrub and tree vegetation inside and on the edge of the pond
P15	8°49.16'S, 42°31.65'W	Temporary pond with shrub and tree vegetation inside and on the edge of the pond

Table 2. List of variables recorded at each sampling point within the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, north-eastern Brazil, including unit, detailed nomenclature and method.

Variable name	Definition	Unit	Method
Margin type	Pond edge characteristic	Three categories: plan (1), inclined (2) or both (3)	Visual characterization
Vegetation within the pond	Approximate percentual vegetation on pond surface	Four categories: No vegetation (0), < or = 20% (1), < or = 50% (2), > 50% (3)	Visual estimation
Types of vegetation within the pond	Characteristics of the vegetation (herbaceous, shrubby and arboreal) present in the water body	Four categories: no vegetation (0), one type of vegetation (1), two types (2), three types (3)	Visual characterization
Types of marginal vegetation	Characteristics of marginal vegetation (herbaceous, shrubby and arboreal) on the margin of the water body	Four categories: no vegetation (0), one type of vegetation (1), two types (2), three types (3)	Visual characterization
Pond localization	Characteristics of where the pond is located	Two categories: inside the cave (1), outside the cave (2)	Visual characterization
Pond number	Number of ponds present within a 200m radius of the largest pond	Three categories: one (1), two (2), more than two (3)	Visual characterization
Pond size	Surface area of the pond (m^2) when full (if there is more than one pond, it will be considered the largest)	Four categories: < or = 3 m^2 (1), < or = 5 m^2 (2), < or = 10 m^2 (3), > 10 m^2 (4)	Measured using length, width and shape
Maximum pond depth	Maximum depth (m) when full (if there is more than one pond, it will be considered the largest)	Three categories: < or = 1 m (1), < or = 2 m (2), > 2 m (3)	Measured at deepest point of water body.
Pond type	Characterized based on the level of anthropic action	artificial (1), modified (2), natural (3)	Visual characterization



Figure 2. Sampled environments in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, northeastern Brazil **A–C** represent, respectively, artificial, modified, and natural ponds.

Statistical analyses

We used sample-based accumulation curves (Gotelli and Colwell 2001) with 1000 randomizations based on an incidence matrix to evaluate our sampling efficiency. To estimate expected species richness in SCNP, we applied the non-parametric estimators CHAO 2 and JACKKNIFE 1 (Magurran and McGill 2011), each with 100 randomizations. To compile abundance data and avoid biases in interpretation, we used the highest abundance value recorded among the four expeditions (Andrade et al. 2019).

Considering the SCNP is a UC located in the Caatinga biome, we compared the diversity of anurans registered in the present study with 13 other localities within this biome characterized by the Caatinga sensu stricto as the predominant plant physiognomy: Picos municipality (PICOS), Piauí State (Benício et al. 2015); Seridó Ecological Station (SERID), Rio Grande do Norte State (Caldas et al. 2016); Catimbau National Park (CATNP) and Serrita municipality (SERR), Pernambuco State (Pedrosa et al. 2014; Pereira et al. 2015); São João do Cariri (SJCA) and Cabaceiras (CABAC) municipalities, Paraíba State (Vieira et al. 2009; Leite-Filho et al. 2015; Protázio et al. 2015; Cascon and Langguth 2016); Aiuba Ecological Station (AIUAB), Rio Salgado Basin (BHRS), Middle Jaguaribe River (JAGUA), and the municipalities of Farias Brito (FBRIT) and Itapipoca (ITAP), Ceará State (Santana et al. 2015; Ávila et al. 2017; Costa et al. 2018; Castro et al. 2018; Silva-Neta et al. 2018; Oliveira et al. 2021); and Raso da Catarina Ecological Station (RCAT) and Nordestina municipality (NORD), Bahia State (Garda et al. 2013; Leite et al. 2019). For this analysis, we constructed a matrix with presence and absence data for 43 anuran species, excluding species having an uncertain specific identification ("gr." – group, "aff." – affinity with a known species, and "sp." – exact species is unknown) and considering only species with an identification to be confirmed ("cf."). Thereafter, we performed a cluster analysis by Unweighted Pair Group Average Method (UPGAM) to illustrate the similarity between the anuran composition of the SCNP and other Caatinga areas.

We first tested the normality of the variables using the SHAPIRO-WILK test and log-transformed those that did not meet normality assumptions (Shapiro-Wilk $p < 0.05$), which applied only to species abundance data. To detect col-

linearity among the variables, we calculated the Variance Inflation Factors (VIF) and excluded any variable with a VIF ≥ 10 (James et al. 2013), resulting in the removal of pond size from the analysis. We then constructed Generalized Linear Models (GLMs) to assess the effect of predictor variables – pond margin profile, percentage of vegetation within the pond, vegetation types within the pond, types of marginal vegetation, pond location, number of ponds at the sampling point, depth of the largest pond, and pond type – on response variables (anuran richness and abundance). Our general model was defined as: Response variable (richness or abundance) ~ predictor variables, family = poisson (link = "log").

We then used Akaike's Information Criterion with second-order bias correction for small samples (AICc) to compare models for each response variable alone or in combination (Burnham and Anderson 2002). We considered both ΔAICc and Akaike's weight (w) of each model. Models with ΔAICc lower than 2 were interpreted as having the strongest support (Burnham and Anderson 2002). Statistical analyses were performed using the R packages vegan (Oksanen et al. 2019), bbmle (Bolker 2020), dendextend (Leonnardi et al. 2018), factoextra (Kassam et al. 2020), ggplot2 (Wickham 2016), and usdm (Naimi 2015).

Results

We recorded a total of 551 individuals representing 16 anuran species across five families: Bufonidae ($N = 2$), Hylidae ($N = 4$), Leptodactylidae ($N = 8$), Microhylidae ($N = 1$), and Phyllomedusidae ($N = 1$) (Table 3, Fig. 3). The most abundant species were *Leptodactylus troglodytes* ($N = 77$), *Scinax x-signatus* ($N = 72$), and *Pithecopus gonzagai* ($N = 65$), while *Trachycephalus cf. nigromaculatus* ($N = 7$) and *Pleurodema diplolister* ($N = 1$) were the least abundant. All species are classified as "Least Concern" (LC) according to the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria (IUCN, 2024).

The species accumulation curve indicated a strong tendency toward stabilization (Fig. 4), with observed species richness accounting for approximately 90% of the richness estimated by the non-parametric JACKKNIFE 1 estimator (17.9 ± 1.34) and about 95% of that estimated by CHAO 2 (16.9 ± 2.19). Consequently, we anticipate the discovery of at least two additional species in the study area.

We observed the formation of four clusters regarding the anuran composition of the Caatinga sensu stricto areas analyzed: the first one was formed by São João do Cariri and the Cabaceiras municipalities, Paraíba State, and the Itapipoca municipality, Ceará State. The second one is the largest cluster with seven areas within Ceará, Pernambuco, Piauí, and Rio Grande do Norte states. The anuran composition of the SCNP was more similar to those registered in the Catimbau National Park, Pernambuco State, and Nordestina municipality, Bahia State. The Raso da Catarina Ecological Station was isolated in the cluster analysis (Fig. 5).

Regarding the variables analyzed, we found that local habitat heterogeneity did not significantly influence anuran richness in SCNP ($P > 0.05$); however, it played a crucial role in explaining anuran abundance. Specifically, significant variables included margins profile ($z\text{-value} = 2.907$, $P = 0.003$), types of marginal vegetation ($z\text{-value} = 2.304$, $P = 0.021$), percentage of vegetation cover within ponds ($z\text{-value} = 4.070$, $P < 0.001$), number of ponds at the sampling point ($z\text{-value} = 5.600$, $P < 0.001$), depth of the largest pond at the sampling point ($z\text{-value} = 2.991$, $P = 0.002$), and type of ponds at the sampling point ($z\text{-value} = -3.211$, $P = 0.001$;

Table 3. Anurans registered in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, northeastern Brazil, including voucher, occurrence in the SCNP, and distribution in the Brazilian biomes.

Taxa	Voucher	Occurrence	Biome
BUFONIDAE			
<i>Rhinella diptycha</i> (Cope, 1862)	CBPII 534	1–3, 5–11, 13–15	WD
<i>Rhinella granulosa</i> (Spix, 1824)	CBPII 536	2, 3, 5, 6, 8–12, 14, 15	WD
HYLIDAE			
<i>Corythomantis greeningi</i> Boulenger, 1896	CBPII 567	1, 6, 9, 10, 12	AT, CA, CE
<i>Dendropsophus soaresi</i> (Caramaschi & Jim, 1983)	CBPII 537	1–7, 9, 10	AT, CA, CE
<i>Scinax x-signatus</i> (Spix, 1824)	CBPII 528	1–6, 9–12, 14, 15	WD
<i>Trachycephalus cf. nigromaculatus</i> Tschudi, 1838	CBPII 558	3	AT, CA, CE
LEPTODACTYLIDAE			
<i>Leptodactylus fuscus</i> (Schneider, 1799)	CBPII 590	10, 12, 14, 15	WD
<i>Leptodactylus macrosternum</i> Miranda-Ribeiro, 1926	CBPII 583	10, 11, 13–15	WD
<i>Leptodactylus syphax</i> Bokermann, 1969	CBPII 569	2, 6, 8–11, 13	WD
<i>Leptodactylus troglodytes</i> Lutz, 1926	CBPII 526	1–15	WD
<i>Leptodactylus vastus</i> Lutz, 1930	CBPII 587	1, 3–11, 13–15	WD
<i>Physalaemus cicada</i> Bokermann, 1966	CBPII 585	11, 12, 15	–
<i>Physalaemus cuvieri</i> Fitzinger, 1826	CBPII 531	1, 3–9, 13, 14, 15	WD
<i>Pleurodema diplolister</i> (Peters, 1870)	CBPII 769	11	AT, CA, CE
MICROHYLIDAE			
<i>Dermatonotus muelleri</i> (Boettger, 1885)	CBPII 555	3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 15	WD
PHYLLOMEDUSIDAE			
<i>Pithecopus gonzagai</i> Andrade, Haga, Ferreira, Recco-Pimentel, Toledo & Bruschi, 2020	CBPII 548	1–6, 9–14	CA, CE

Legends: Biome distribution: Caatinga (CA), Cerrado (CE), Atlantic Forest (AT), and widely distributed (WD). See Table 1 for sampling points characterization.

Suppl. material 1: appendix S1). Furthermore, based on Akaike's Information Criterion, the model incorporating all significant variables together provided a better explanation of anuran abundance in SCNP than models considering each variable in isolation (Suppl. material 1: appendix S2).

Discussion

We identified 16 anuran species in the Serra da Capivara National Park (SCNP), which accounts for approximately 30% of the anurans known from Piauí State (Roberto et al. 2013). In addition, we recorded more than double the number of anuran species previously documented for the SCNP (Calvacanti et al. 2014). This level of species richness is considered moderate when compared to other studies conducted in areas of Caatinga sensu stricto (e.g., Pedrosa et al. 2014; Benício et al. 2015). It is interesting to highlight that the anuran composition of the SCNP was more similar to those recorded in the Catimbau National Park, Pernambuco State (Pedrosa et al. 2014) and Nordestina municipality, Bahia State (Leite et al. 2019). It is unclear why these locations are more similar, given their geographical distances. Thus, Brazilian state divisions did not seem to be predominant regarding differences in the composition of anurans in the Caatinga biome. In addition,

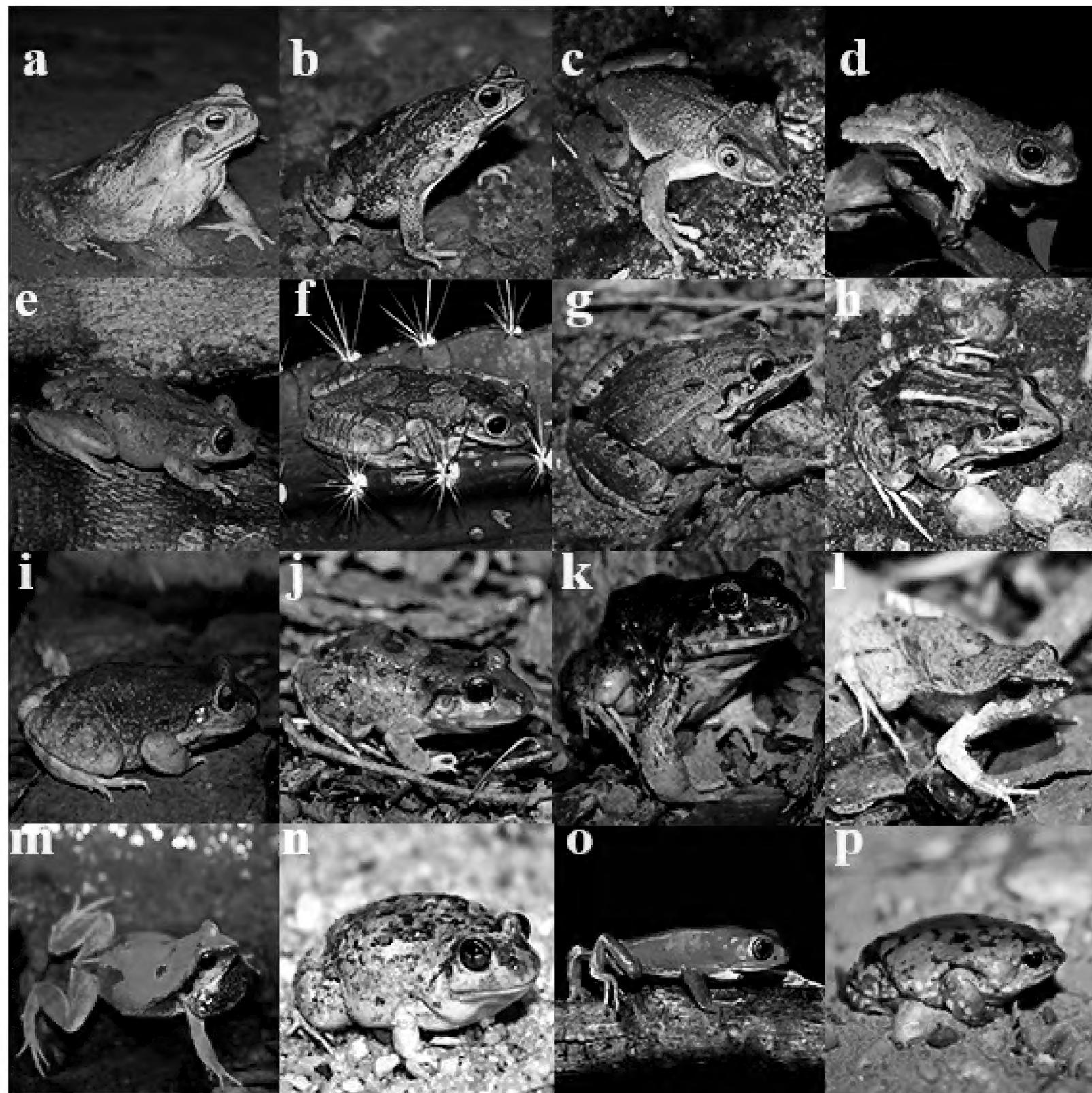


Figure 3. Anurans registered in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, northeastern Brazil: **a** *Rhinella diptycha* **b** *Rhinella granulosa* **c** *Corythomantis greeningi* **d** *Dendropsophus soaresi* **e** *Scinax x-signatus* **f** *Trachycephalus cf. nigromaculatus* **g** *Leptodactylus fuscus* **h** *Leptodactylus macrosternum* **i** *Leptodactylus syphax* **j** *Leptodactylus troglodytes* **k** *Leptodactylus vastus* **l** *Physalaemus cicada* **m** *Physalaemus cuvieri* **n** *Pleurodema diplolister* **o** *Pithecopus gonzagai* **p** *Dermatonotus muelleri*.

we suggest further studies aiming to investigate the main factors filters driving the anuran composition dissimilarity in different localities of this biome.

When focusing solely on conservation units in Piauí State, the number of species in SCNP is lower than in other protected areas, such as Uruçuí–Una Ecological Station (Dal-Vechio et al. 2013; 26 species), Sete Cidades National Park (Araújo et al. 2020a; 30 species), Serra das Confusões National Park (Marques et al. 2023; 29 species), and the Environmental Protection Area Delta do Parnaíba (Araújo et al. 2020b; 33 species). Notably, except for SCNP and Uruçuí–Una Ecological Station, all other conservation units are situated within ecotonal regions of the Caatinga and Cerrado biomes. Ecotones are typically characterized by high biodiversity (Kark 2013), which may help explain the observed variation in species richness.

In terms of anuran species composition, most species identified are considered widespread across Brazilian biomes, including *Rhinella diptycha*, *Scinax x-signatus*, *Leptodactylus fuscus*, *L. macrosternum*, *L. syphax*, *L. vastus*, *Physalaemus cuvieri*,

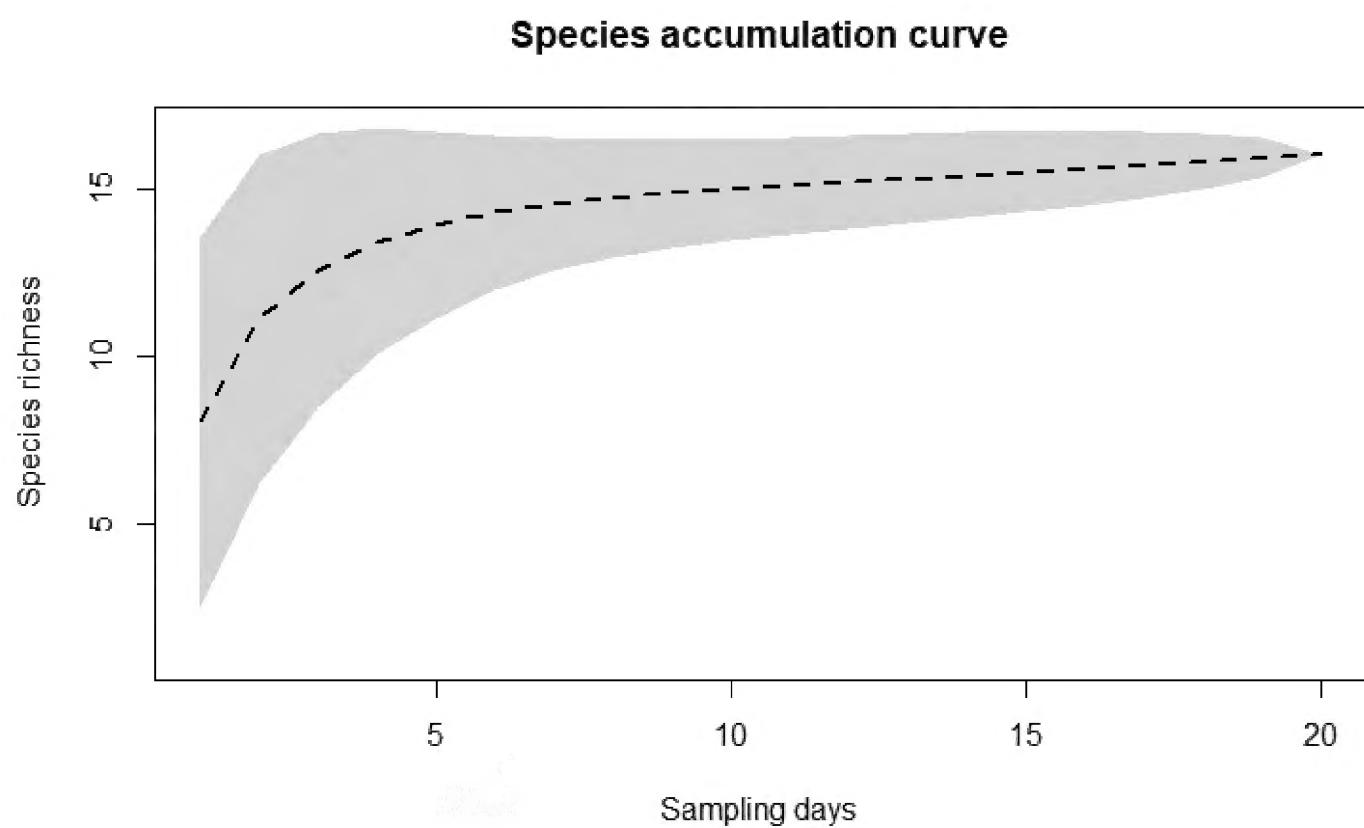


Figure 4. Accumulation curve for anurans sampled in the Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí State, northeastern Brazil, based on the number of samples, constructed from 1000 randomizations.

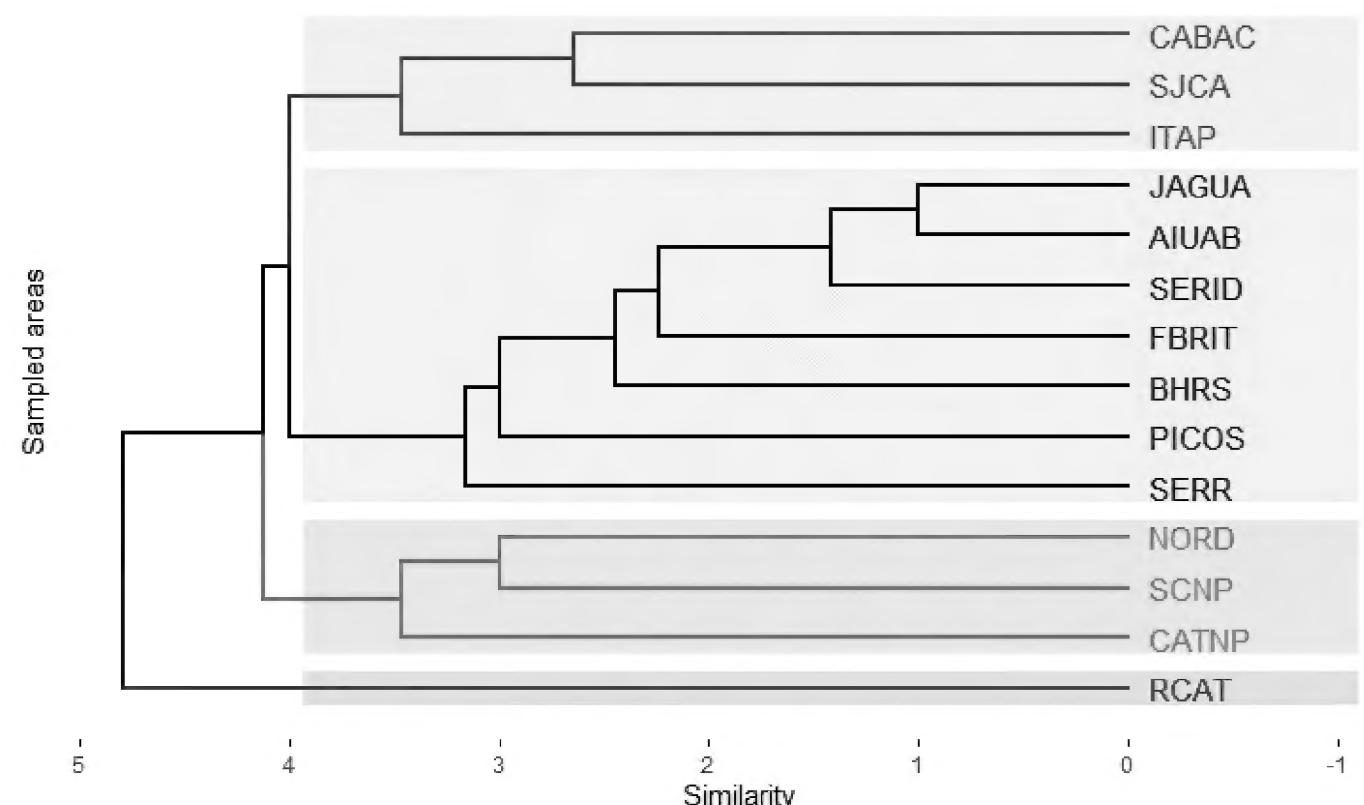


Figure 5. Similarity (Jaccard index and clustering method "UPGMA") among the anuran species composition in areas of Caatinga sensu stricto.

and *Dermatonotus muelleri* (Frost 2024). Although we did not document any endemic species, we did encounter several species commonly associated with the Caatinga biome, such as *Corythomantis greeningi*, *Pleurodema diplolister*, *Pithecopus gonzagai*, *Physalaemus cicada*, and *Rhinella granulosa* (Garda et al. 2017).

Overall, the families Leptodactylidae and Hylidae exhibited the highest diversity within the SCNP, a pattern that is frequently observed in the Neotropical region (Duellman 1978). Similar findings have been reported in the Caatinga biome (Arzabe 1999; Vieira et al. 2007; Pedrosa et al. 2014), including various conservation units in Piauí State (e.g., Araújo et al. 2020a; Marques et al. 2023). Due to the spatial segregation between leptodactylids and hylids (Protázio et al. 2015; Leite-Filho et al. 2017; Caldas et al. 2019), anurans from these families typically coexist habitually and stably in diverse environments.

We found that anuran richness in the Serra da Capivara National Park (SCNP) was not significantly influenced by local heterogeneity, regardless of whether the sampling ponds were natural, modified, or artificial. While some studies have similarly reported a lack of support for this relationship (e.g., Vasconcelos et al. 2009; Gouveia and Faria 2015), such a pattern is atypical since more heterogeneous environments generally support higher species richness (e.g., Tews et al. 2004; Andrade et al. 2016; Lorenzón et al. 2016; Araújo et al. 2018; Piña et al. 2019), particularly among anuran communities (e.g., Silva et al. 2011; Couto et al. 2017; Andrade et al. 2016, 2019; Figueiredo et al. 2019). The absence of a relationship between richness and local heterogeneity may be attributed to the prevalence of habitat-generalist species that are typical of Caatinga environments, which are present across all sampling points. These species are adapted to explore a variety of ponds within these landscapes due to their strategies for surviving in semiarid conditions. This finding aligns with Gouveia and Faria (2015), who suggested that anurans in the Caatinga exhibit stochastic usage patterns of available water bodies.

In contrast, we observed that sampling points with a higher percentage of vegetation within the ponds and a greater diversity of marginal vegetation tended to support greater anuran abundance. Additionally, the characteristics of the ponds played a significant role in influencing anuran abundance. Other studies have similarly highlighted the impact of vegetation and pond characteristics on anuran populations (e.g., Bickford et al. 2010; Dória et al. 2015; Agostini et al. 2021). Generally, more heterogeneous areas provide greater resources (MacArthur and MacArthur 1961), which can reduce both intraspecific and interspecific competition (Morin 2011). Consequently, more heterogeneous sampling areas within the SCNP facilitate the coexistence of a higher number of individuals.

This study enhances the understanding of biodiversity in the Serra da Capivara National Park by presenting an updated anuran checklist, which may inform current and future conservation strategies. Furthermore, we found that local heterogeneity influences population sizes, emphasizing the importance of heterogeneous environments in promoting stable anuran populations. Notably, artificial drinking fountains designed to support vertebrate populations during the dry season also contribute to anuran diversity, as some species utilize these structures for reproduction and establish nearby populations. Although our study is pioneering in exploring the primary drivers of anuran diversity in the SCNP, further research is essential to deepen our understanding of the ecological processes shaping these anuran communities.

Acknowledgements

We are grateful to ICMBio for the collection license (Permit: ICMBio 87498-1). We thank the Federal Institute of Piauí for the logistical support in the field and for the use of the laboratory.

Additional information

Conflict of interest

The authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

Ethical statement

This study was approved by the Ethics Committee on the Use of Animals of the Instituto Federal do Piauí (CEUA/IFPI – 02/2024).

Funding

We are grateful to CNPq/CAPES/FAPEPI for financial support (Finance Code 001; 150013/2023-0). NLAR thanks CAPES for granting a research grant (8888.7827305/2023-00) and Programa de Pós-graduação em Ecologia e Conservação da Biodiversidade, da Universidade Estadual de Santa Cruz (PPGECB UESC) for financial support. MS acknowledges funding by CNPq through a research scholarship (309365/2019-8).

Author contributions

Conceptualization: KCA, EBA, NLRA. Data curation: EBA. Formal analysis: NLRA, MS, EBA, KCA. Investigation: KCA, NLRA, MS. Methodology: KCA, NLRA. Project administration: EBA, MS. Resources: MS. Supervision: EBA, MS. Visualization: EBA. Writing – original draft: NLRA, KCA. Writing – review and editing: EBA, KCA, MS.

Author ORCIDs

Kássio de Castro Araújo  <https://orcid.org/0000-0003-4091-8521>

Nayla Letícia Rodrigues Assunção  <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-6847-1269>

Mirco Solé  <https://orcid.org/0000-0001-7881-6227>

Etielle Barroso de Andrade  <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-5030-1675>

Data availability

All of the data that support the findings of this study are available in the main text or Supplementary Information.

References

- Afonso LG, Eterovick PC (2007) Spatial and temporal distribution of breeding anurans in streams in southeastern Brazil. *Journal of Natural History* 41(13–16): 949–963. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00222930701311680>
- Agostini G, Deutsch C, Bilenca DN (2021) Differential responses of anuran assemblages to land use in agroecosystems of central Argentina. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment* 311: 107323. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.agee.2021.107323>
- Andrade EB, Leite JRSA, Andrade GV (2016) Diversity and distribution of anuran in two islands of Parnaíba River Delta, Northeastern Brazil. *Journal of Biodiversity and Environmental Sciences* 8: 74–86.
- Andrade EB, Leite JRSA, Weber LN (2019) Composition, phenology, and habitat use of anurans in a Cerrado remnant in Northeastern Brazil. *Herpetological Conservation and Biology* 14(2): 546–559.
- Aquino CMS, Oliveira JGB (2017) Balanço hídrico climatológico e erosividade do parque nacional da serra da capivara e entorno, Piauí, Brasil. *Geoambiente* 29: 36–55. <https://doi.org/10.5216/revgeoamb.v0i29.48493>
- Araújo KC, Guzzi A, Ávila RW (2018) Influence of habitat heterogeneity on anuran diversity in Restinga landscapes of the Parnaíba River delta, northeastern Brazil. *ZooKeys* 757: 69–83. <https://doi.org/10.3897/zookeys.757.21900>
- Araújo KC, Andrade EB, Brasileiro AC, Benício RA, Sena FP, Silva RA, Santos AJS, Costa CA, Ávila RW (2020a) Anurans of Sete Cidades National Park, Piauí state, north-

- eastern Brazil. *Biota Neotropica* 20: e20201061. <https://doi.org/10.1590/1676-0611-bn-2020-1061>
- Araújo KC, Ribeiro AS, Andrade EB, Pereira AO, Guzzi A, Ávila RW (2020b) Herpetofauna of the Environmental Protection Area Delta do Parnaíba, Northeastern Brazil. *Cuadernos de Herpetología* 34: 185–199.
- Arzabe C (1999) Reproductive activity patterns of anurans in two different altitudinal sites within the Brazilian Caatinga. *Revista brasileira de Zoologia* 16: 851–864. <https://doi.org/10.1590/S0101-81751999000300022>
- Ávila RW, Almeida WDO, Ferreira FS, Gaiotti MG, Lima SMQ, Morais DH, Silva MJ (2017) Fauna da estação ecológica de Aiuaba: integração de informações para subsídio de planos de conservação eo uso sustentável. *Pesquisas em Unidades de Conservação no domínio da Caatinga: subsídios a gestão*, 1st edn. Edições UFC, Fortaleza, 405–437.
- Benício RA, Silva GR, Fonseca MG (2014) Comunidade de anuros em uma área de ecótono no nordeste do Brasil. *Boletim do Museu Paraense Emílio Goeldi-Ciências Naturais* 9(3): 511–517. <https://doi.org/10.46357/bcnaturais.v9i3.507>
- Benício RA, Silva GR, Fonseca MG (2015) Anurans from a Caatinga area in state of Piauí, northeastern Brazil. *Boletim do Museu de Biologia Mello Leitão* 37(2): 207–217.
- Bickford D, Ng TH, Qie L, Kudavidanage EP, Bradshaw CJ (2010) Forest fragment and breeding habitat characteristics explain frog diversity and abundance in Singapore. *Biotropica* 42(1): 119–125. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1744-7429.2009.00542.x>
- Bolker BM (2020). *bbmle: Tools for general maximum likelihood estimation*. R package version 1.0.24. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=bbmle>
- BRASIL (1990) Decreto nº 99.143, de 12 de Março de 1990. Declara de preservação permanente a vegetação natural das áreas que descreve. Diário Oficial da União, Brasília, DF, 12 March, 1990. https://www.planalto.gov.br/ccivil_03/decreto/1990-1994/d99143.htm
- Bray AA, Lawson JD (1985) The evolution of the terrestrial vertebrates: environmental and physiological considerations. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society of London B, Biological Sciences* 309(1138): 289 –322. <https://doi.org/10.1098/rstb.1985.0088>
- Burnham KP, Anderson DR (2002) Model selection and multimodel inference: A practical information-theoretic approach (2nd ed.). Springer-Verlag, New York, 488 pp.
- Caldas FL, Costa TB, Laranjeiras DO, Mesquita DO, Garda AA (2016). Herpetofauna of protected areas in the Caatinga V: Seridó ecological station (Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil). *Check list* 12(4): 1–14. <https://doi.org/10.15560/12.4.1929>
- Caldas FL, Garda AA, Cavalcanti LB, Leite-Filho E, Faria RG, Mesquita DO (2019) Spatial and trophic structure of anuran assemblages in environments with different seasonal regimes in the Brazilian Northeast Region. *Copeia* 107(3): 567–584. <https://doi.org/10.1643/CH-18-109>
- Calderon MR, Almeida CA, González P, Jofré MB (2019) Influence of water quality and habitat conditions on amphibian community metrics in rivers affected by urban activity. *Urban Ecosystems* 22: 743–755. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11252-019-00862-w>
- Calvacanti LBDQ, Borges Costa T, Colli GR, Corrêa Costa G, Rodrigues França FG, Mesquita DO, Palmeira CNS, Pelegrin NI, Soares AHB, Tucker DB, Garda AA (2014) Herpetofauna of protected areas in the Caatinga II: Serra da Capivara National Park, Piauí, Brazil. *Check List* 10(1): 18–27. <https://doi.org/10.15560/10.1.18>
- Cascon P, Langguth A (2016) Composition, reproduction, and ecological aspects of a Caatinga anurofauna in Paraíba State, Brazil. *Revista Nordestina de Zoologia* 24: 23–26.

- Castro DP, Rodrigues JFM, Lima DC, Borges-Nojosa DM (2018) Composition and diversity of anurans from rock outcrops in the Caatinga Biome, Brazil. *Herpetology Notes* 11: 189–195.
- Ceron K, Oliveira-Santos LGR, Souza CS, Mesquita DO, Caldas FL, Araujo AC, Santana DJ (2019) Global patterns in anuran–prey networks: structure mediated by latitude. *Oikos*, 128(11): 1537–1548. <https://doi.org/10.1111/oik.06621>
- Costa TB, Laranjeiras DO, Caldas FLS, Santana DO, Silva CF, Alcântara EP, Garda AA (2018) Herpetofauna of protected areas in the Caatinga VII: Aiuba Ecological Station (Ceará, Brazil). *Herpetology Notes* 11: 929–941.
- Couto AP, Ferreira E, Torres RT, Fonseca C (2017) Local and landscape drivers of pond-breeding amphibian diversity at the northern edge of the Mediterranean. *Herpetologica* 73(1): 10–17. <https://doi.org/10.1655/HERPETOLOGICA-D-16-00020.1>
- Crump ML (2015) Anuran reproductive modes: evolving perspectives. *Journal of Herpetology* 49(1): 1–16. <https://doi.org/10.1670/14-097>
- Dal-Vechio F, Recoder R, Rodrigues MT, Zaher H (2013) The herpetofauna of the estação ecológica de uruçuí-una, state of Piauí, Brazil. *Papéis Avulsos de Zoologia* 53: 225–243. <https://doi.org/10.1590/S0031-10492013001600001>
- Dal-Vechio F, Teixeira Jr M, Recoder RS, Rodrigues MT, Zaher H (2016) The herpetofauna of Parque Nacional da Serra das Confusões, state of Piauí, Brazil, with a regional species list from an ecotonal area of Cerrado and Caatinga. *Biota Neotropica* 16: e20150105. <https://doi.org/10.1590/1676-0611-BN-2015-0105>
- Dória TA, Klein W, de Abreu RO, Santos DC, Cordeiro MC, Silva LM, Bonfim VM, Napoli MF (2015) Environmental variables influence the composition of frog communities in riparian and semi-deciduous forests of the Brazilian Cerrado. *South American Journal of Herpetology* 10(2): 90–103. <https://doi.org/10.2994/SAJH-D-14-00029.1>
- Duellman WE (1978) The biology of an equatorial herpetofauna in Amazonian Ecuador. University of Kansas, Lawrence, 352 pp.
- Duellman WE, Trueb L (1994) Biology of Amphibians. Baltimore and London, John Hopkins University Press 670 pp. <https://doi.org/10.56021/9780801847806>
- Figueiredo GDT, Storti LF, Lourenco-De-Moraes R, Shibatta OA, Anjos LD (2019) Influence of microhabitat on the richness of anuran species: a case study of different landscapes in the Atlantic Forest of southern Brazil. *Anais da Academia Brasileira de Ciências* 91(02): e20171023. <https://doi.org/10.1590/0001-3765201920171023>
- Frost DR (2024) Amphibian Species of the World: an Online Reference. Version 6.2 (accessed on 15 May 2024). American Museum of Natural History, New York, USA. Retrieved from <https://amphibiansoftheworld.amnh.org/index.php>
- Garda AA, Costa TB, Santos-Silva CR, Mesquita DO, Faria RG, Conceição BM, Soares da Silva IR, Ferreira AS, Rocha SM, Palmeira CNS, Rodrigues R, Ferrari SF, Torquato S (2013) Herpetofauna of protected areas in the caatinga I: Raso da Catarina Ecological Station (Bahia, Brazil). *Check list* 9(2): 405–414. <https://doi.org/10.15560/9.2.405>
- Garda AA, Stein MG, Machado RB, Lion MB, Juncá FA, Napoli MF (2017) Ecology, biogeography, and conservation of amphibians of the Caatinga. In: Cardoso da Silva JM, Leal IR, Tabarelli M (Eds) Caatinga: The largest tropical dry forest region in South America, Springer, Cham, 133–150. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-68339-3_5
- Gotelli NJ, Colwell RK (2001) Quantifying biodiversity: procedures and pitfalls in the measurement and comparison of species richness. *Ecology Letters* 4: 379–391. <https://doi.org/10.1046/j.1461-0248.2001.00230.x>

- Gouveia SF, Faria RG (2015) Effects of habitat size and heterogeneity on anuran breeding assemblages in the Brazilian Dry Forest. *Journal of Herpetology* 49(3): 442–446. <https://doi.org/10.1670/13-220>
- Heyer R, Donnelly MA, Foster M, McDiarmid R (1994) Measuring and monitoring biological diversity: standard methods for amphibians. Smithsonian Institution, Washington, 364 pp.
- Hocking DJ, Babbitt KJ (2014) Amphibian contributions to ecosystem services. *Herpetological conservation and biology*. 9(1): 1–17. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ilar.48.3.270>
- Hopkins WA (2007) Amphibians as models for studying environmental change. *ILAR Journal* 48(3): 270–277. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ilar.48.3.270>
- IBGE [Instituto Brasileiro de Geografia e Estatística] (2019) Biomas e Sistema Costeiro-Marinho do Brasil. Coordenação de Recursos Naturais e Estudos Ambientais, Rio de Janeiro, 168 pp.
- IUCN (2024) The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species. Version 2024-1. <https://www.iucnredlist.org>
- James G, Witten D, Hastie T, Tibshirani R (2013) An introduction to statistical learning: With applications in R. Springer. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4614-7138-7>
- Kark S (2013) Effects of ecotones on biodiversity. *Encyclopedia of biodiversity* 142: 148–149. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-384719-5.00234-3>
- Kassam K, Lê S, Husson F (2020) factoextra: Extract and visualize the results of multivariate data analyses. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/factoextra/index.html>
- Lebboroni M, Ricciardino G, Bellavita M, Chelazzi G (2006) Potential use of anurans as indicators of biological quality in upstreams of central Italy. *Amphibia-Reptilia* 27(1): 73–79. <https://doi.org/10.1163/156853806776052164>
- Leite AK, Oliveira MLT, Dias MA, Tinôco MS (2019) Species composition and richness of the herpetofauna of the semiarid environment of Nordestina, in northeastern Bahia, Brazil. *Biotemas* 32(4): 63–78. <https://doi.org/10.5007/2175-7925.2019v32n4p63>
- Leite-Filho E, Silva-Vieira WL, Santana GG, Eloi FJ, Mesquita DO (2015) Structure of a Caatinga anuran assemblage in Northeastern Brazil. *Neotropical Biology and Conservation* 10(2): 63–73. <https://doi.org/10.4013/nbc.2015.102.02>
- Leite-Filho E, Oliveira FA, Eloi FJ, Liberal CN, Lopes AO, Mesquita DO (2017) Evolutionary and ecological factors influencing an anuran community structure in an Atlantic Rainforest urban fragment. *Copeia*: 105(1): 64–74. <https://doi.org/10.1643/CH-15-298>
- Lemos JR (2004) Composição florística do parque nacional Serra da Capivara, Piauí, Brasil. *Rodriguésia* 55: 55–66. <https://doi.org/10.1590/2175-78602004558503>
- Lemos JR, Rodal MJN (2002) Fitossociologia do componente lenhoso de um trecho da vegetação de caatinga no Parque Nacional Serra da Capivara, Piauí, Brasil. *Acta Botanica Brasilica* 16: 23–42. <https://doi.org/10.1590/S0102-33062002000100005>
- Leonardi N, Lê S, Husson F (2018) dendextend: an R package for visualizing, manipulating, and comparing trees of hierarchical clustering. <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/dendextend/index.html>
- Lorenzón RE, Beltzer AH, Olgún PF, Ronchi-Virgolini AL (2016) Habitat heterogeneity drives bird species richness, nestedness and habitat selection by individual species in fluvial wetlands of the Paraná River, Argentina. *Austral Ecology* 41(7): 829–841. <https://doi.org/10.1111/aec.12375>
- MacArthur RH, MacArthur JW (1961) On bird species diversity. *Ecology* 42(3): 594–598. <https://doi.org/10.2307/1932254>
- Magurran AE, McGill BJ (2011) Biological diversity: frontiers in measurement and assessment. Oxford University Press, Oxford, 384 pp.

- Marques R, Garda AA, Furtado AP, Bruinjé AC, Protázio ADS, Carvalho BF, Vieira CR, Gomes D, Pantoja DL, Figueiredo DS, Shepard DB, Camurugi F, Coelho FEA, Magalhães FM, Caetano GHO, Guarino R, Colli GR, Paulino HM, Graciene J, Alvarenga JM, Clay NA, Albuquerque RL, Furtado AP, Carvalho ITS, Bosque RJ, Faria R, Silveira-Filho RR, Mângia S, Cavalcante VHGL, Vieira WLS, Silva WP, Soares YFFS, Mesquita DO (2023) Herpetofauna of protected areas in the Caatinga VIII: An updated checklist for the Serra das Confusões region with new data from Serra Vermelha, Piauí, Brazil. *Biota Neotropica* 23: e20231520. <https://doi.org/10.1590/1676-0611-bn-2023-1520>
- Mausberg N, Dausmann KH, Glos J (2023) In search of suitable breeding sites: Habitat heterogeneity and environmental filters determine anuran diversity of western Madagascar. *Animals* 13(23): 3744. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ani13233744>
- Morin PJ (2011) Community ecology. Wiley-Blackwell, Hoboken, 407 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1002/9781444341966>
- Naimi B. (2015) Uncertainty analysis for species distribution models. R Package (Version 1.1-18).
- Oksanen J, Blanchet FG, Friendly M, Kindt R, Legendre P, McGlinn D, Minchin PR, O'Hara RB, Simpson GL, Solymos P, Henry M, Stevens H, Szoecs E, Wagner H (2019) Vegan: Community Ecology Package. R package version 2.5-6. <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=vegan>
- Oliveira CR, Araujo KC, Oliveira HF, Ávila RW (2021) Herpetofauna from a Caatinga area at Farias Brito municipality, Ceará State, Northeastern Brazil. *Herpetology Notes* 14: 135–146.
- Pantoja DL, Andrade EB, Avila RW, Cavalcante VHGL, Colli GR, Garda AA, Mesquita DO, Rocha WA, Santana GL, Silva GF, Silva JS, Silva MB (2022) Herpetofauna das Unidades de Conservação do estado do Piauí, nordeste do Brasil. In: Ivanov MMM, Lemos JR (Eds) Unidades de conservação do Estado do Piauí, Teresina, 144–188.
- Pedrosa IMMDC, Costa TB, Faria RG, França FGR, Laranjeiras DO, Oliveira TCSPD, Palmeira CNS, Torquato S, Mott T, Vieira GHC, Garda AA (2014) Herpetofauna of protected areas in the Caatinga III: The Catimbau National Park, Pernambuco, Brazil. *Biota Neotropica* 14: e20140046. <https://doi.org/10.1590/1676-06032014004614>
- Pereira, EN, Teles MJL, Santos EM (2015) Herpetofauna em remanescente de Caatinga no Sertão de Pernambuco, Brasil. *Boletim do Museu de Biologia Mello Leitão* 37: 37–51.
- Piña TE, Carvalho WD, Rosalino LMC, Hilário RR (2019) Drivers of mammal richness, diversity and occurrence in heterogeneous landscapes composed by plantation forests and natural environments. *Forest Ecology and Management* 449: 117467. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foreco.2019.117467>
- Protázio AS, Albuquerque RL, Falkenberg LM, Mesquita DO (2015) Niche differentiation of an anuran assemblage in temporary ponds in the Brazilian semiarid Caatinga: influence of ecological and historical factors. *The Herpetological Journal* 25(2): 109–121.
- Roberto IJ, Ribeiro SC, Loebmann D (2013) Amphibians of the state of Piauí, Northeastern Brazil: a preliminary assessment. *Biota Neotropica* 13: 322–330. <https://doi.org/10.1590/S1676-06032013000100031>
- Santana DJ, Mângia S, Silveira-Filho RRD, Silva-Barros LCD, Andrade I, Napoli MF, Juncá F, Garda AA (2015) Anurans from the middle Jaguaribe River region, Ceará state, northeastern Brazil. *Biota Neotropica* 15(3), e20150017. <https://doi.org/10.1590/1676-06032015001715>
- Segalla MV, Berneck B, Canedo C, Caramaschi U, Cruz CG, Garcia PDA, ... , Langone JA (2021) List of Brazilian amphibians. *Herpetologia Brasileira* 10(1): 121–216.

- Silva JPSD (2022) Distribuição geográfica dos anfíbios na Caatinga, Nordeste do Brasil. Master's thesis, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte.
- Silva RA, Martins IA, Rossa-Feres DDC (2011) Environmental heterogeneity: Anuran diversity in homogeneous environments. *Zoologia* (Curitiba) 28: 610–618. <https://doi.org/10.1590/S1984-46702011000500009>
- Silva-Neta AF, Silva MC, Ávila RW (2018) Herpetofauna da Bacia Hidrográfica do Rio Salgado, Estado do Ceará, Nordeste do Brasil. *Boletim do Museu de Biologia Mello Leitão* 40: 23–48.
- Tews J, Brose U, Grimm V, Tielbörger K, Wichmann MC, Schwager M, Jeltsch F (2004) Animal species diversity driven by habitat heterogeneity/diversity: the importance of keystone structures. *Journal of Biogeography* 31(1): 79–92. <https://doi.org/10.1046/j.0305-0270.2003.00994.x>
- Toledo LF, Ribeiro RS, Haddad CFB (2007) Anurans as prey: an exploratory analysis and size relationships between predators and their prey. *Journal of Zoology* 271: 170–177. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1469-7998.2006.00195.x>
- Vasconcelos TS, Santos TD, Rossa-Feres DDC, Haddad CFB (2009) Influence of the environmental heterogeneity of breeding ponds on anuran assemblages from southeastern Brazil. *Canadian Journal of Zoology* 87(8): 699–707. <https://doi.org/10.1139/Z09-058>
- Vieira WLS, Arzabe C, Santana GG (2007) Composição e distribuição espaço-temporal de anuros no Cariri paraibano, Nordeste do Brasil. *Oecologia Brasiliensis* 11(3): 383–396. <https://doi.org/10.4257/oeco.2007.1103.08>
- Vieira WLS, Santana GG, Arzabe C (2009). Diversity of reproductive modes in anurans communities in the Caatinga (dryland) of northeastern Brazil. *Biodiversity and Conservation* 18: 55–66. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10531-008-9434-0>
- Vitt LJ, Caldwell JP (2013) *Herpetology: an introductory biology of amphibians and reptiles*. Academic Press, San Diego, 757 pp. <https://doi.org/10.1016/B978-0-12-386919-7.00002-2>
- Wickham H (2016) *ggplot2: Elegant graphics for data analysis*. 3rd ed. New York, Springer-Verlag, 2016. <https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-24277-4>

Supplementary material 1

Supplementary data

Authors: Kássio de Castro Araújo, Nayla Letícia Rodrigues Assunção, Mirco Solé, Etielle Barroso de Andrade

Data type: docx

Copyright notice: This dataset is made available under the Open Database License (<http://opendatacommons.org/licenses/odbl/1.0/>). The Open Database License (ODbL) is a license agreement intended to allow users to freely share, modify, and use this Dataset while maintaining this same freedom for others, provided that the original source and author(s) are credited.

Link: <https://doi.org/10.3897/zookeys.1236.138858.suppl1>